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LOK SABHA

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Schemes for Higher Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several new schemes have been launched for the sustainable development of higher education and to increase the interest of students in higher education;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the girl students residing in rural areas living below poverty line have been benefited from these schemes; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has launched several initiatives for improving the standards of higher education and to increase the interest of students. These are: launch of SWAYAM portal for delivering online courses, launch of 32 DTH channels for telecasting high quality educational content, National Digital Library for providing electronic library resources, bringing foreign academicians to lecture under the GIAN programme, improving accreditation systems under NAAC and NBA, bringing accountability of institutions through the National Institution Ranking Framework and improving financial resources for building good quality infrastructure through Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA).
(c) & (d): For improving the participation of girl students living below poverty line in rural areas in higher education, Government has launched initiatives for constructing girl hostels and instituted scholarships under PRAGATI to cover the cost of education.
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